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NOTE FOR: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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FROM:

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with
Peter Sullivan, SSCI

1. Peter Sullivan telephoned me at 10:30 this morning to discuss the Agency's reclassification of documents of concern to the Foreign Relations Committee. As Peter explained to me, the Foreign Relations Committee has some transcripts of secret sessions that date back to the 1960's. He believes the subject of the transcripts centers around the Bay of Pigs. The Foreign Relations Committee is reviewing this material and sent it out for our review. At some point in time the Agency declassified portions of this material and Peter understands that we are now attempting to reclassify this material.

2. Peter asked that I try to find out who is seeking this reclassification. He would like to have the responsible persons go down and explain their reasons for the reclassification to the Committee staff. They would like, in addition, to see the documents in controversy and the report which we are required to send to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) giving our written justification for the reclassification.

3. Peter indicated that the Committee should understand what the reasons are for this reclassification and that they should be strong ones. He expressed concern that actions of this nature could jeopardize the FOIA bill.

4. I indicated to Peter that I would look into this matter and get back with him as soon as possible. After I learn exactly what the facts are in the situation, I would like to meet with all of you to discuss how we should respond to Peter on this issue.

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